

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

2:30 p.m.

Room 352, State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chairman, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

An Invocation was offered as a moment of silence by the Chairman.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss and Nofs.

Members absent/excused: Representative Cheeks.

Rep. Caswell moved that all absent members be excused. Representative Hansen supported the motion. Without objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Cushingberry gave opening remarks to the committee.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the committee HB 4492

HB 4492 Cushingberry Appropriations; supplemental; multidepartment supplemental for fiscal year 2006-2007; provide for.

Chairman Cushingberry recognized Mitch Bean, Director of the House Fiscal Agency for a summary of HB 4492.

Chairman Cushingberry recognized House Fiscal Staff available to answer questions regarding the bill. The following Fiscal Staff responded to questions: Mark Wolf, Richard Child, Sue Frey, Steve Stauff, Marilyn Peterson, Kirk Linquist, Kyle Jen and Al Valenzio.

Mary Jane Russell, from the Department of Community Health Budget Office, and Teri Cline, from the Department of Corrections Budget Office, answered questions and addressed member concerns.

At 1:20 p.m. the Chairman announced that Committee would stand at ease until 1:45 pm.

The committee was called back to order at 2:05 pm.

Chairman Cushingberry continued with consideration of HB 4492

Al Valenzio of the House Fiscal Agency answered further questions of the members.

Representative Sak moved to adopt substitute (H-2) Draft 1. Representative Alma Smith supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 16-13-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade,

NAYS: Representatives Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

PASS: None.

Representative Vagnozzi moved to amend HB 4492 Sub (H-2) Draft 1 as follows.

1. Amend page 19, line 16, by striking out all of section 113 and adjusting the subtotals, totals, and section 201.

Representative Jackson supported the motion.

The motion did not prevail by a vote of 6-22-1.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Jackson, Vagnozzi, Brandenburg, Amos, Agema, Moss.

NAYS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Nofs.

PASS: Representative Booher.

Representative Byrnes moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Amend page 37, following line 23, by inserting the following:

“DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

Sec. 301. It is the intent of the legislature that reductions to appropriations from the healthy Michigan fund in part 1 be restored in the state fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.”.

Representative Gonzales supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 22-0-7.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Espinoza,

Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Booher, Hansen.

NAYS: Representatives Alma Smith, Amos, Caul, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

PASS: None.

Representative Acciavatti offered the following amendment to HB 4492 (H-2) Draft 1:

1. Amend page 38, line 10, by striking out Sec. 1101.

Following discussion Representative Acciavatti withdrew his amendment.

Chairman Cushingberry announced that a handout was submitted from The Michigan Association of Health Plans.

Representative Hood moved to adopt the following amendments to House Bill 4492 (H-2) Draft 1:

1. Amend page 9, following line 16, by striking out line 17, and adjusting the subtotals, totals and section 201 accordingly.
2. Amend page 9, line 22, following "Total other state restricted revenues", by striking out "(1,843,700)" and inserting "(1,743,700)", and adjusting the subtotals, totals and section 201 accordingly.

Representative Gillard supported the motion.

The motion did not prevailed by a vote of 14-13-2

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak,, Spade, Vagnozzi, Brandenburg.

NAYS: Representatives Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Alma Smith, Acciavatti, Caswell, Amos, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

PASS: Representatives Shaffer, Booher.

Representative Jackson moved to adopt the following amendment to HB 4492 (H-2) Draft 1:

1. Amend page 37, following line 23, by inserting the following:

"HISTORY, ARTS, AND LIBRARIES

Sec. 501. It is the intent of the legislature that the reduction to the appropriation for arts and cultural grants in part 1 be restored in the state fiscal year ending September 30, 2008."

Representative Vagnozzi supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 20-2-7.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Spade, Vagnozzi Caswell, Amos, Booher, Moss.

NAYS: Representatives Brandenburg, Agema,

PASS: Representatives Alma Smith, Acciavatti, Shaffer, Caul, Hansen, Proos, and Nofs.

Representative Gillard moved to report HB 4492 with recommendation as substitute (H-2). Representative Sak supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 17-11-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi.

NAYS: Representatives Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss.

PASS: Representative Nofs.

Chairman laid before the committee various transfers for State Departments requiring approval of the committee.

Transfers for the Departments of Agriculture, Community Health, Corrections, Environmental Quality, Human Services, Labor and Economic Growth, Military and Veterans Affairs, Natural Resources, State, State Police, Transportation, and Treasury, Attorney General, and Higher Education

The Chairman recognized Mitch Bean to explain to the members the transfer items.

Representative Gillard moved to approve the transfer.

Representative Sak supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 28-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The Chairman laid before the committee House Concurrent Resolution 23 and House Concurrent Resolution 24.

HCR 23 Hood A concurrent resolution approving the conveyance of property to the State Building Authority and approving a lease between the State of Michigan and the State Building Authority relative to the Department of Management and Budget State Facility Preservation Projects-Phase I and II Group B General Office Building Renovations.

HCR 24 Hood A concurrent resolution approving the conveyance of property to the State Building Authority and approving a lease between the State of Michigan and the State Building Authority relative to the Department of Management and Budget State Facility Preservation Projects-Phase I and II Group C Grand Rapids State Office Building Renovations.

Representative Hood moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 23 with recommendation.

Representative Hammel supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 29-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Hood moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 24 with recommendation.

Representative Hammel supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 29-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The chairman recognized Minority Vice-Chairman Acciavatti for remarks on the budget.

The chairman recognized Representative Alma Smith for remarks on the budget.

Chairman Cushingberry had closing remarks to the committee regarding solving the budget.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, Chairman Cushingberry adjourned the meeting, the time being 3:25 p.m.

Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair_____
Darlene Moore, Committee Clerk, (517) 373-2994